

AP/AL: Appropriation Project Type: Energy
Category: Development
Location: Statewide House District: Statewide (HD 1-40)
Impact House District: Statewide (HD 1-40) Contact: John Springsteen
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2018 - 06/30/2023 Contact Phone: (907)771-3000

Brief Summary and Statement of Need:

The Electrical Emergencies program provides technical support when an electric utility has lost, or will lose the ability to generate or transmit power to its customers and the condition is a threat to life, health, and/or property. The ability to respond to loss of power in communities is essential to their health and safety. This program contributes to the department's mission of promoting a healthy economy and strong communities as electricity is considered essential for both community development and economic growth.

Funding:	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	Total
1004 Gen Fund	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$1,980,000
Total:	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$1,980,000

☐ State Match Required ☐ One-Time Project ☐ Phased - new ☐ Phased - underway ☒ On-Going
0% = Minimum State Match % Required ☐ Amendment ☐ Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	Amount	Staff
Project Development:	0	0
Ongoing Operating:	0	0
One-Time Startup:	0	0
Totals:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

Sec12 Ch1 SLA2017 P16 L30 SB23 \$330,000
Sec27 Ch38 SLA2015 P27 L16 SB26 \$330,000
Sec1 Ch18 SLA2014 P3 L6 SB119 \$330,000
Sec1 Ch17 SLA2012 P6 L11 SB160 \$330,000
Sec4 Ch5 SLA2011 P127 L19 SB46 \$330,000

Project Description/Justification:

The Electrical Emergencies Program is often a life or safety issue and the last resort for communities with electric needs. This program provides technical support when an electric utility has lost, or will lose the ability to generate or transmit power to its customers and the condition is a threat to life, health, and/or property, including freezers full of invaluable subsistence foods. Funding provides the current level of technical support through the Electrical Emergencies Program.

Electrical emergencies can result in the loss of communications, lights, refrigeration systems, washeterias, water and sewer systems, and the use of other basic infrastructure and equipment.

Extended power outages during the winter months can be expensive and compromise public safety:

- Water and sewer systems are subject to freezing and bursting
- Fire hazards increase
- Medical clinics and other public facilities may close

Electrical emergencies may involve power plant failures and/or distribution system failures.

If the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) is unable to respond, the response to loss of power emergencies will be redirected to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).